



## Los Angeles Urban League

October 13, 2009

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As President & CEO of The Los Angeles Urban League, I work to empower and create pathways to success for underserved African Americans and other minorities. I write to express potential concerns about the potential impact of the broadband regulation the FCC is now considering with respect to low income communities.

The mission of the Los Angeles Urban League is enable African Americans and other minorities to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights through advocacy activities and the provision of programs and services in our uniquely diversified city and region.

I am concerned that net neutrality regulation, without adequate exploration of consequences, might present extra costs to our constituents.

My ultimate goal is simply to continue to ensure that broadband and wireless access to the Internet is both available and cost effective for low income communities and individuals. As you are doubtless aware, wireless Internet access has had a remarkable impact on the digital divide in the African American and Latino communities, specifically in the area of education reform. Over the last few years, although Internet use by minorities has increased tremendously, more affordable access is still necessary to reach parity.

I am confident that you share my commitment to supporting low income communities, and therefore hope you will simply proceed with caution in this important policy area by carefully examining both the alternatives and the implications of any legislative actions.

Sincerely,

Blair H. Taylor  
CEO

cc: Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps

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